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REP. HINTZ AND REP. BERNARD-SCHABER THE DEMOCRATIC VOICES OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

DEAR GOVERNOR WALKER, YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY LEGISLATORS OF THE NE ARE LISTENING

MADISON —Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) and Rep. Penny Bernard-Schaber (D-Appleton) discuss the outpouring of opposition they are receiving from constituents on Governor Walker's proposal.

Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh):

"The outpouring of frustration and anger from constituents regarding Governor Walker's proposal is just incredible", said Rep. Hintz. "The more people learn about what has been proposed, the more upset they are. I have received hundreds of e-mails and phone calls from workers and families that I represent opposed to Governor Walker's radical proposal. Today the capitol was filled with people from across the state asking that their voices be heard in opposition. I have never seen anything like this in my prior two terms here."

"Governor Walker's actions will have a direct negative impact on middle-class families and our communities. I can't believe Governor Walker is unwilling to even sit down once with the nurses, the teachers, the EMT's, and the correction officers before he strips their workplace rights away. These are the people that keep us safe and teach our children. They provide important services to our communities and should not be treated as mere numbers. Governor Walker needs to know that this is not how we do things in Wisconsin."

Rep. Penny Bernard-Schaber (D-Appleton):

"This "budget repair" bill is an attack on working families", said Rep. Bernard-Schaber (D-Appleton). "Over 450 constituent of the 57th Assembly District have contacted my office in opposition to Governor Walker's bill, while less than a dozen have contacted me in support. Based on this overwhelming input from Appleton residents I want my constituent to know that I am here working in Madison on their behalf and am willing to come to the table to help protect their needs. The real question is whether Governor Walker or the republican leadership is."

Governor Walker's proposal can be views online at:

<http://www.thewheelerreport.com/releases/February11/0211/0211walkerbudgetlrb.pdf>

Walker's special session legislative proposal, which he is referring to as a Budget Repair bill, includes many policy changes. These include the repeal of workers' right to collectively bargain, drastic changes to the state pension program and develops a plan for the National Guard to assume power.

A public hearing before the Joint Finance Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. It is expected to be before the State Assembly on Thursday, Feb. 16th.

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